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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF CHILEAN PRIESTS AND PEACE COMMITTEE LAWYERS

REF: SANTIAGO 7799

1. CHILEAN JESUITS FERNANDO SALAS AND PATRICIO CARIOLA ARE STILL IN PUBLIC JAIL BUT ARE OUT OF SOLITARY AND HAVE NUMEROUS VISITORS. THEY HAVE BEEN BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL, AND FORMAL PROCESS REPORTEDLY WILL BEGIN MONDAY, NOV. 24. THEY REFUSED TO APPEAL PROSECUTOR'S DECISION TO BIND THEM OVER, AND REFUSED TO ASK FOR BAIL. CATHOLIC VICAR GENERAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE TO MADRID FOR FRANCO'S FUNERAL, HE DOUBTED ANYONE ELSE IN GOC COULD MAKE DECISION NECESSARY TO RELEASE SALAS AND CARIOLA BEFORE NOVEMBER 24, AND THUS AVOID TRIAL. (EMBASSY JUST HEARD FOMIN CARVAJAL WILL BE IN OFFICE THAT AFTERNOON, AND PINOCHET MAY RETURN TOO.)

2. EMBOFF EARLY IN WEEK TOLD VICAR GENERAL OF INSTRUCTION RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE NOVEMBER 14 (FROM PAPPAS, S/ORM) TO EFFECT THAT IF SALAS AND CARIOLA HAD TO LEAVE CHILE, THEY COULD COUNT ON ENTRY TO US -- WHETHER ON PAROLE OR WITH NONIMMIGRANT VISAS IF THEY WANTED A REST. VICAR GENERAL HAS NOT RETURNED TO SUBJECT.

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3. EMBASSY HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OR STATUS

TO TWO PEACE COMMITTEE LAWYERS WHO WERE PICKED UP IN RECENT DAYS: JOSE ZALAQUETT AND MARCOS DUFFAUT (REFTEL). WE HAVE INDICATED US INTEREST TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THROUGH OUR INFORMAL CHANNEL.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW STATE OF MIND OF SALAS AND CARIOLA ON THEIR FUTURE, BUT WE HAVE INDICATIONS THEY ARE SERENE, CONCERNED TO HELP OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THIS MATTER, AND APPARENTLY READY TO FACE TRIAL IF NECESSARY. THERE ARE MANY WITHIN GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM TRIED AND PUNISHED, BUT UNDOUBTEDLY OTHERS WHO CAN SEE THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE TO GOVERNMENT'S ULTIMATE ADVANTAGE TO HAVE TRIAL OF TWO JESUIT PRIESTS.
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